

only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6100-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Source Compliance and State Action Reporting/Compliance Reporting to the Aerometric Information and Retrieval System (AIRS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information

Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Source Compliance and State Action Reporting, EPA ICR Number 0107, OMB control number 2060-0096, current expiration date 7/31/98. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: US EPA Office of Compliance, 401 M Street, Washington DC Copies of background materials may be obtained without charge from Mark Antell (2222A) at this address, or electronically, via EMAIL request to antell.mark@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Antell, 202/564-5003, FAX 202/564-0032, EMAIL antell.mark@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are State, District, Commonwealth and territorial governments.

Title: Source Compliance and State Action Reporting, OMB Control Number 2060-0096, EPA ICR No. 0107 expiring July 31, 1998.

Abstract: Source Compliance and State Action reporting is an activity whereby State, District, Commonwealth and territorial (hereafter referred to as State) governments make air compliance information available to EPA on a quarterly basis via input to the Aerometric Information and Retrieval System (AIRS). The information provided to EPA includes compliance determinations and compliance activities. EPA uses this information to assess progress toward meeting emission requirements developed under the authority of the Clean Air Act to protect and maintain the atmospheric environment and the public health. The compliance information in AIRS is used by many States and by all ten EPA Regional offices on a frequent basis for managing activities of their air pollution control programs.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement:

The burden for this effort was reduced dramatically in the mid 90's from 145633 hours/yr (pre-1995 ICR inventory), to the current approved 58686 hours. The burden change was due to reduced reporting requirements and improved technology. This request reflects modest but continuing burden reductions for similar reasons.

Number of respondents—55 (State governments).

Number of hours required per response—52 to 405 depending on State size.

Number of responses required per respondent per year—4.

Total hours/cost requested—55,500/\$1.47 million.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

Elaine Stanley,

Director, Office of Compliance.

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